

The President. I love that program. And I tell you, you've done a wonderful job there.

Ms. Mueller. Well, thank you. I wish I could take all the credit, but I can't. It's truly a community effort. We have a great crew behind us, a great Main Street Program, and great architects, and we've done it together.

The President. Good for you. Well, I'm glad to be a part of it. And I'm really glad that Congressman Volkmer gave me a chance to call in tonight.

Ms. Mueller. Well, we sure appreciate his assistance on this project as well.

The President. Thank you.

Ms. Mueller. Are we ready to light it?

The President. Are you ready? I've got a candle here.

Ms. Mueller. Okay, I'm going to hand you back to Congressman Volkmer.

Representative Volkmer. All right, Mr. President.

The President. You'll have to visualize my candle, folks, but I've got one here.

[Representative Volkmer described the ceremony and stated that Mayor Richard Schwartz of Hannibal, MO, was participating in the program.]

The President. I remember the Mayor well, yes.

[Representative Volkmer stated that Henry Sweets, curator of the Mark Twain Home and Museum, was participating in the event. Representative Volkmer also explained that his wife, Shirley, and their grandchildren were there.]

The President. That's good. Well, tell Shirley and your grandchildren hello. I know it's good to have them there for the Fourth of July.

Representative Volkmer. Yes, it is. The grandchildren jumped frogs this morning, and they're going to be in a parade come Monday.

The President. They jumped frogs, is that—

Representative Volkmer. Oh yes. Yes, we have a frog-jumping contest.

The President. I used to be in one of those every year.

Representative Volkmer. Is that right?

The President. Yes, we've got a ferry about 30 miles from Little Rock, in Arkansas, called Toad Suck Ferry. And every year we had a Toad Suck Day, and we all raced our frogs.

Representative Volkmer. Very good.

The President. I never won, but I always loved it. I competed every year, but I never won.

Representative Volkmer. All right, they're ready to go.

The President. We're ready.

Representative Volkmer. Anytime you're ready to light, we're ready to light.

The President. I have just lit my candle.

Representative Volkmer. Very good. Let's see if it works.

The President. I've always believed it was better to light a candle than curse the darkness. Now, the whole town of Hannibal's done the same thing.

Representative Volkmer. Yes, that's right, and we're all waiting, and it's coming closer, and it's coming closer—there's one more. The switch should go—ahh, there it is.

The President. Good for you.

Representative Volkmer. All right, there it is, Mr. President. Thank you very, very much, Mr. President. Tell Hillary hello for us.

The President. I'll do it. Thank you, Congressman.

Representative Volkmer. And you all have a real nice Fourth.

The President. Tell everybody hello. Thank you, and God bless you.

Representative Volkmer. Thank you very much.

The President. Goodbye.

NOTE: The teleconference began at 10:45 p.m. The President spoke from Camp David, MD.

Statement on Senate Action on Health Care Reform Legislation July 2, 1994

The action of the Senate Finance Committee today moves health care reform another step closer to final passage.

Chairman Moynihan has worked diligently to make sure his committee produced a bill

to debate on the Senate floor. His commitment to universal coverage has been clear throughout this process, and I look forward to his continued leadership as we move toward guaranteed health coverage for every American.

I remain firmly committed to guaranteed health coverage for every American that can never be taken away. We must achieve universal coverage if we are to reform our health care system and assure hard-working, middle class Americans that they will have health care when they need it. I am confident that we will achieve the goal of guaranteed coverage for everyone this year, and I look forward to the debate in the full House and Senate.

Memorandum on Assistance to Haitian Refugees

July 2, 1994

Presidential Determination No. 94-31

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as Amended

Pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest that \$7,000,000 be made available from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet the urgent and unexpected needs of Haitian migrants. These funds are to be used for refugee processing, repatriation, resettlement, and assistance activities as well as related Department of State administrative expenses. A part of the funds may be contributed bilaterally to the governments in whose countries related operations are being conducted. These funds may be contributed to foreign governments, international organizations, governmental, and nongovernmental agencies.

You are authorized and directed to inform the appropriate committees of the Congress of this determination and the obligation of

funds under this authority and to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

Interview With Klaus Walther of ZDF German Television

July 1, 1994

World Cup Soccer

Mr. Walther. Mr. President, let us change the subject. Mr. President, first time in the history of World Cup, soccer's World Cup is played in the United States.

The President. Yes.

Mr. Walther. And on the Fourth of July there will be the game U.S.A. versus Brazil. What does it mean for you personally, to have this game on the Fourth of July?

The President. It's very exciting and I think very appropriate. We'll play on the Fourth of July against, obviously, a magnificent Brazilian team. Soccer is just really beginning to catch hold in the U.S. and to capture the public imagination. Our children have been playing it in larger and larger numbers.

Mr. Walther. ———your daughter.

The President. And my daughter did, yes. Probably for about 10 years now, our children have been beginning to really play in large numbers. And I think that will have an impact as those children grow up, more and more soccer at the university level, more and more professional soccer. I think that and the World Cup being in the United States are the two things that will make soccer perhaps as big a sport in the U.S. as it is in Europe and other parts of the World.

Mr. Walther. Will you watch the game?

The President. Oh, yes, I expect I will. We've been watching every game we could on television. And of course, I went with Chancellor Kohl and the President of Bolivia to the opening game between Germany and Bolivia in Chicago the other day. And I got a little lesson in soccer; both Presidents were whispering in my ear a little bit. [*Laughter*]

Mr. Walther. So who's your favorite for the championship?

The President. Well, I have to be for the United States, until we're eliminated. Besides that, we're an underdog. And I like that,